



Soprano Opens OPC Musical Evenings

The first of the Program Committee's Musical Evenings, projected for occasional Thursdays throughout the Fall and Winter, is announced for Nov. 1, when Vivian Della Chiesa, noted soprano of opera, concert stage, radio and TV, will sing for OPC members at the Clubhouse.

Miss Della Chiesa who was soloist at the last OPC Annual Dinner but had competition from Astor waiters rattling dishes, volunteered to open the new series. She will sing a short program of popular and classical numbers drawn from her long repertoire at the Chicago, San Francisco, New York City, Havana, New Orleans, and Philadelphia operas, and as soloist with the major symphonies of three continents.

The program for Nov. 1 follows: 6:00 p.m., Cocktail Party celebrating the opening of *Lisa Larsen's* new exhibit of photos from Mongolia. 7:30 p.m., Dinner (reservations, please). 8:30 p.m., concert by Miss Della Chiesa in the Dining Room.

Club Calendar

Tues., Oct. 30 — Open House — Foreign Correspondents covering U.N. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m. followed by usual Buffet Supper.

Tues., Oct. 30 — Board of Governors meeting. 5:30 p.m. for one hour. No dinner.

Wed., Oct. 31 — Semi-annual meeting of OPC membership. 8:00 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 p.m. (Note change in time).

Thurs., Nov. 1 — Luncheon — Mayor Robert F. Wagner. Members only. 12:30 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 1 — Musical Evening — Miss Vivian Della Chiesa. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. (Reservations required). Concert, 8:30 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 8 — Election "Post-Mortem" — H. V. Kaltenborn, Moderator. Reception, 7:00 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Discussion, 8:30 p.m.



H. V. KALTENBORN

Kaltenborn To Head Election "Post-Mortem"

H.V. Kaltenborn will moderate the OPC "Election Post-Mortem" Nov. 8.

Scheduled by the Open House and Foreign Journalists Committees, the seminar and round-table discussion will also have as participants editors from the AP, UP and INS as well as Alex Faulkner, London Daily Telegraph, and Hernane Tavares, special correspondent of Correia da Manha of Brazil.

Additional special guests for the evening, a group of foreign editors and journalists in the U.S. for the elections, include: Claude Julien, Foreign Editor for *Le Monde*, Paris; Michale Mottola, Managing Editor of the *Corriere de la Sera*, Milan; Hans U. Kempfski, *Sued-deutsche Zeitung*, Munich; and Basile Spanolpoulos, Editor of the Athens *Kathimerini*, as well as editors from Scandinavian countries.

Arthur Reef, coordinator of the sponsoring committees, announced that the participants will discuss the U.S. elections, implications of the results, coverage and attendant problems.

The discussion, to start at 8:30 p.m., will be preceded by a reception at 7:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dinner reservations are required.

POLISH BREAK FINDS EDITORS UNPREPARED

by Ruth Lloyd

(Ruth Lloyd, who covered Poland for UP in 1946-47, gave the Bulletin this background piece on the Polish situation).

The New York Times' foresight paid off when the editors decided to send Sydney Gruson back into Eastern Europe months ago at a time when nobody had any idea that the political picture there would suddenly change.

Gruson and his wife, *Flora Lewis*, appear to be way ahead and still on top of the complicated story of the Polish Communists' rebellion against their Moscow masters. It was Gruson who cracked it with publication of the first documentary proof that the Polish and Soviet Communists were at odds. His wife is currently in Prague, having recently left Poznan.

Now that the story has broken wide open editors have their correspondents standing on the doorsteps of Polish consulates in London, Paris and Washington. Only those few correspondents who extended their visas at the time of the Poznan trials were able to get back in before the doors slammed shut. N.Y. Times Foreign Editor E.R. Freedman sent Henry Giniger from Paris to Warsaw to relieve Gruson on routine reassignment just before the crisis broke.

Polish consulates in many cities are playing it safe and issuing passports to no one pending word from Warsaw. The Consulate officers themselves are not sure who they are working for at the moment.

A round-up of foreign editors in New York finds them uncertain as to when they would be able to send their correspondents in.

AP Foreign Editor Ben Bassett said Colin Frost had moved from London to Warsaw just before the developments. They have no one in Czechoslovakia. In Hungary they have Andre Marton, the courageous Hungarian newspaperman who wrote the news as he saw it before and since his imprisonment.

Phil Newsome, Foreign Editor for UP, said they moved Anthony Cavendish

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Ann Meuer

Swedish Ambassador Erik Boheman (standing) delivers his address, high spot of the evening, to OPC guests at the dinner honoring Sweden Oct. 23. Left is OPCer Madeline D. Ross. Right is Kjell Oeberg, Press Consular from the Swedish Embassy, Washington.

Swedish Ambassador, Swedish Newsmen at OPC

His Excellency Erik Boheman, Ambassador of Sweden, was the guest of honor Oct 23 at the Swedish Night, the second OPC regional dinner of the season.

Swedish correspondents stationed in the U.S., guests at the dinner, included Einar Thulin, Mac Lindahl, Olle Ollen, and Arne Thoren. Also attending was Allan Kastrup, American-Swedish News Exchange, who assisted in the plans for the evening.

All items on the menu were flown directly from Stockholm, including the herring and hazel hen. Smoked reindeer meat, which was among the items on

the menu, was impounded by the hoof and mouth disease inspectors at Idlewild Airport. Six hundred Jersey hen eggs were used in making two large *Spettekakas*, Swedish spit or jet cakes, to replace the reindeer meat.

A number of prizes, including a Swedish Halda typewriter with leather case (won by OPCer *Adelaide Kerr*), were raffled off. Each guest received gifts of Swedish manufacture and drank Swedish beer, punch and aquavit before and during the dinner.

The evening was arranged by *Joseph C. Peters*, Chairman of the Regional Dinners Committee.

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from Paris to Warsaw without difficulty, as his Poznan trial visa was still valid.

INS' Paul Allerup, New York Managing Editor, said they are having trouble with visas. Howard Handleman in Paris, Katherine Clark in Vienna and Alkios Angelopolous in Greece are waiting for visas and the Polish Embassy in Washington has cooperated to the extent of sending a cable to Warsaw saying these are all accredited correspondents. Most foreign editors made it plain that they were not charging that they were getting a run-around from the various Polish consulates.

The N.Y. Herald-Tribune has no one in Warsaw on the story. Marguerite Higgins made a phone call to a Warsaw newspaper editor and came up with the account of the atmosphere currently prevailing in Warsaw. Lou Carroll, news editor for the Herald-Tribune in New York, said applications for visas for six correspondents are on file in Washington, but no word had been received

so far. They have moved Barrett McGurn into Yugoslavia and Gaston Coblenz into East Germany. (Ed. Note: The Herald-Tribune on Oct. 24 carried a dispatch from McGurn in Rome.)

NBC is using Ron Preston of the London Times, for many years in Eastern Europe.

CBS is having difficulty obtaining visas and at Bulletin press time reported that they had no correspondents on the scene.

ABC is using BBC tapes.

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PEOPLE & PLACES...

Margaret Bourke-White was on NBC "Youth Wants to Know" panel; also was presented on Arlene Francis' "Home" show (NBC) which featured a half-hour biography of her life and CBS's "Good Morning" show...John Thorne back to New York from Time-Life Paris office...Roberto Esquenazi-Mayo will telephone election results to Telemundo, El Mundo's TV network in Havana, Cuba, the first time such a broadcast has been done from the U.S. to a foreign country...The *Bob Considines* will leave for the Olympic games in Melbourne just after the elections via Honolulu, Tokyo, Hongkong, Singapore, and Bangkok...Charles Jones, NBC producer-director, and wife Phyllis (acting as his assistant) wide wide worlding across country at racing pace during past six weeks for NBC's Sunday afternoon show...Philip Clarke, Newsweek's Assoc. Foreign Ed., off to Athens on two-week fact-finding, story-gathering tour of Greece...Paula LeCler back in U.S. after news-gathering in Europe for some months...John D. Collins, AP, returning to Australia Oct. 21 to head up the global picture pool on the Olympic Games for AP, UP, and INP. He will continue on around the world after the games are completed...Nick Mikos transferred to UP in Rome from New York; he joined UP in March 1955 and previously worked for the City News Service of Los Angeles...Drs. Wardell B. Pomeroy and Paul H. Gebhard who will continue to carry out the research of the late Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey paid their first visit to the OPC as guests of *Nanette Kutner* at lunch Oct. 21. They reminisced about Dr. Kinsey and told of his glowing OPC report after he spoke at a luncheon here last spring...John Strohm called to the White House for three weeks' special writing assignments for the President...Hal Lehrman in Reporter with story on "Soviet hijinks in Syria," and in Commentary on higher cost of military living in Middle East since Nasser received Red jets...Louis Lochner in Oct. This Day with "Journalism's Most Stimulating Club," about the OPC and fully illus-

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TROUT'S 25TH AS NEWSMAN

Robert Trout of CBS News fills out a quarter of a century of broadcasting radio and television news and politics Oct. 29.

He is the newsman who coined the phrase "fireside chat" covering those White House talks by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Trout's voice has been identified with every political convention and election night since 1936. Providing hours of scriptless description of such news events made him a top ad-libber. He covered the coronations and war in Britain in the same way.



ROBERT TROUT

COMMITTEES



The Public Relations Committee has begun work on an Overseas Press Club booklet, *Murray Lewis*, chairman, reports.

Roy Battersby and Ralph Major will co-edit the publication. *Louis Weintraub* will handle pictures and *Lee K. Jaffe* and *David Resnick* are in charge of production. Distribution is planned for January 1957.

The booklet was conceived originally as an integral part of the current membership drive among active foreign correspondents. However, it is expected the booklet will also fill the general need for a brochure describing the history, objectives, and activities of the OPC.

Other business at the last meeting of the Public Relations Committee included the assignment of various members to work with, and publicize wherever possible, the programs of other committees of the OPC. Those assigned were: *William H. Baldwin, Jr.*, Freedom of the Press; *David Resnick* and *Barry Holloway*, Tuesday Night Open House; *George McDonald* and *Donald Hallman*, Luncheon; *Andrew Weil* and *Gordon Growden*, Regional Dinner; *Lee K. Jaffe*, Radio-TV; and *Andrew Weil*, Inter-American.

The Awards Committee met Oct. 16 to formulate a procedure of selecting award winners for 1956-57. Chairman *Larry Newman*, *Frank Shea*, *Ruth Lloyd*, *Rex Smith*, *Jess Bell* and *Eugene Lyons* attended. *Pat Moran* and *Larry Spivak* were unable to attend.

The Hospitality, Steering Committee of Awards Dinner, Library, and Overseas Liaison; Committees also submitted reports to the Board of Governors at its meeting Oct. 17.

OVERSEAS TICKER

CAIRO

Hanson Baldwin, N.Y. Times; *Thomas Griffith*, Time; and John Boyle, Time-Life, making a swing of the Middle East.

With Cairo cooling, staffers are making for warmer news climes, particularly Jordan. In Amman and Jerusalem (Jordan) during the past two weeks: *Sam Pope Brewer*, N.Y. Times; Keith Wheeler, Time; *James Burke*, Life, Sam Souki, Newsweek; Frank Kearns, CBS and *Wilson Hall*, NBC.

Pat Herman is also on a Mideast swing. She's writing for Scripps Howard, and is now in Cairo. *Wilson Hall*

PARIS

Jim O'Donnell and wife, Toni Howard, both in Paris doing assignments for Saturday Evening Post. They're planning to sell their dream "Villa Blockhaus" perched on a Riviera hill at Theoule overlooking Cannes, and relocate in Paris...*David Brown* now back in Paris as USIS Press Service chief, after stint in New York...*Richard Thomas* breezed in the other day after six weeks in Mediterranean getting new material for his fall and spring lectures. After checking a half dozen countries in the Middle East, he reports "a growing popular sentiment in favor of peace at any price -- even if it involves a big country taking a snub from a smaller one." In between dates at Quai d'Orsay and Prime Minister's office, Dick found time to knock off a four-hour lunch with old-time OPCer *Maurice Carrie*, Agence France Presse. For the first time in many years, Dick has decided to cross Atlantic the slow way, and expects to return to U.S. by Queen Elizabeth...

Lowell Bennett, U.S. Embassy press attache, back from vacation at Alcudia, Majorca...Col. *Robert Shinn*, USAREUR Information Director, reassigned to SHAPE, Paris...Seen at the most lavish champagne-and-caviar party of the month on the Ritz Hotel studio set of "Love in the Afternoon" with Gary Cooper, Audrey Hepburn and Maurice Chevalier; Ben Bradlee, Newsweek, back from honeymoon; Howard Handleman, INS Paris-European chief; *Eric Hawkins*, N.Y. Herald-Tribune managing editor; the Carl Hartmans, AP; Bernard Valery, N.Y. Daily News; *Paul Ghali*, Chicago Daily News; and Hank Wales, Chicago Tribune.

Bernard S. Redmont

TOKYO

Robert Trumbull, N.Y. Times, has become a "very-much-in-demand" speaker. His latest talk was before the American Club Women's Group.

The junket plane this time was a JAL ship, and the correspondents piled enthusiastically aboard: *Dan Kurzman*, Tokyo Bureau chief for McGraw-Hill; Rud Poats, UP; Sid White, INS; Gene

U.S. Paris Embassy To List Newsmen

The city of Paris has become a kind of world news center, with more than 1,000 journalists listed in the new Directory of Correspondents published by the U.S. Embassy, due out in November.

More than 150 resident American newsmen are working in France today, Press Attache Lowell Bennett reports.

The new 121-page directory, issued under Bennett's supervision, lists U.S., French, British and other foreign journalists, photographers, radio-TV and newsreel men and women.

The directory is unofficial and does not constitute accreditation by the Embassy, since the Embassy does not accredit correspondents. The only valid accreditation is accorded by the French Government.

But the directory is a handy guide to the journalistic fraternity in one of the liveliest cities in the world, a city which has no press club headquarters or center.

The Americans by far have the largest contingent of the 42 countries listed. They are followed by the U.K.-Britain with 53, Switzerland 42, Germany 35, Italy 25 and Belgium 22.

The Embassy lists 16 Iron Curtain or East Europe correspondents, including 5 from the Soviet Union, one each from Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia and 8 from Yugoslavia, but no Communist Chinese newsmen.

Bernard S. Redmont

Kramer, AP (who let his passport go astray and had to hop a later free plane ride) and a Reuters man. The boys, touching down briefly at Hongkong for shop-seeing, figured later that they had cleared the airport just 26 minutes before the first stone was heaved and the riot was on.

Looks like Chicago Daily News' Keyes Beech and wife Linda, together with two sons will come back to Tokyo.

Everyone is unanimous that if Australia wants to have an Olympic Games someone should tip Quantas off. People like to fly these days and the airline just doesn't seem to have enough planes to go around. In Tokyo, the steady stream of correspondents who intend to go are: Lee Martin, U.S. News & World Report; Les Nakashima, UP; Norm Williams, UP; *Robert Pierpoint* and Wade Bingham, CBS; Shin Higashi and George Sweers, AP; and Marvin Stone and Len Saffir INS. Not all of them have space reserved, and the guy runs in with the firebrand all the way from Greece in a handful of weeks now. "But why worry, if the Aussies don't," says one Melbourne-bound scribe, "Way I hear it, the Japanese soccer team hasn't yet had its passage confirmed."

Stuart Griffin

Newspapering in the Rough

FROM THE CHINA NOTEBOOK OF NORWOOD F. ALLMAN

by Norwood F. Allman

The recent invitation of Mao Tse-tung, and comrades, to American correspondents to come back to the Mainland for a "look-see" prompts me to record a few of the odd things that happened, and can happen, to the news fraternity in that delightful old country. Too bad this invitation could not be accepted. The group of Americans held in Red jails in China could offer some good copy though the interviewer might get in jail himself.

Pre-Communist Era

The following notes are from the faulty memory of the writer and the editors of the Bulletin can therefore take no responsibility for errors, or libel. Neither does the writer.

Shanghai, the Paris of the Orient, was a newsman's paradise. Many of the current by-line correspondents cut their journalistic teeth on the two principal American language dailies in Japan and China: The Japan Advertiser in Yokohama and the China Press in Shanghai. Each introduced American newspaper formats and practices in his respective bailiwick.

That dapper little newsman, Thomas Millard, invaded Shanghai in 1911 and established the China Press. Its American format and style forced our British cousins to remove advertisements from the front page and to adopt other American newspaper ideas, but, of course, they stuck to their English-English. They'd be damned if any Yankee could take their beloved "our" word endings from them.

Tom also founded Millard's Review which was later taken over and its

Norwood F. Allman, Far Eastern Editor of Business International, has been a member of the OPC since 1944.

His Far Eastern news experience began in 1925 when he became the China correspondent for a small independent U.S. newspaper continuing for 16 years. In 1930 he became a Director and Chairman of the China Press, Shanghai and continued on this paper until 1941.

From 1937 to 1941 he was editor and publisher of the Shun Pao, Shanghai, and from 1946 to 1949 he was Editor and Publisher of the China Press.



NORWOOD F. ALLMAN

name changed to China Weekly Review by that crusading editor, the late John B. Powell. J.B. once got some hot copy when bandits held up the Blue Express en route to Peking and held the passengers, including J.B., and a group of newsmen, for ransom. The joke was on the bandits when they learned that newsmen never have money and editors never bail out such gentry.

Although on their assassination list, J.B. survived it 'til Pearl Harbor. The Japanese slapped him into their notorious Shanghai Bridge House and he died later as the result of brutal treatment.

The China Press had as editors at various times Herby Webb, John B. Powell, Tillman Durdin, Hollington Tong, K.S. Chang, and yours truly. We received a stream of reporters via the Advertiser including OPCers Jerry Sartain and Irene Kuhn. Most of the editors were soft on the Missouri School of Journalism and hired anybody who claimed to be from that school even if he or she had never been nearer it than Brooklyn. Larry Blochman wandered around China for some years but has never explained why he boycotted Shanghai and the China Press. Every arriving boat had a new crop of Missouri "graduates" so we never had a shortage of reporters.

I was also editor of the Shun Pao, the largest and oldest (founded 1850) modern Chinese language daily in the world. (Of course, old style papers had existed in China for centuries.) The Shun Pao was fiercely independent in editorial policy which did not endear it to some of the obstreperous War Lords or to the Japanese expansionists then occupying China.

May as well confess, even though published in Chinese, we also had a heavy contingent of Dean William's alumni.

Randall Gould, editor of the Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury, and I were very good friends and had some fun slamming each other occasionally for ulterior reasons. It was a good way of avoiding boring dinner parties - of which there were too many. Hostesses were afraid to invite us when we had a sham feud on.

One correspondent came out to cover the Japanese attack on Shanghai in 1932. He did this very comfortably

from the Cathay Hotel Bar. This bistro served good but cheap gin and he forgot his mean old editor in New York. The latter queried the China Press: "No dispatches from——. Is he safe?" We impishly replied: "—— safely anesthetized at Cathay Bar. Shall we cover when he recovers?" End query. End of correspondent.

Bud Eakins and the late John Morris covered the triangle, Aden, Auckland and Peking, for the UP.

Walter Rundle had his Shanghai schemozzle. Just after World War II he wrote a factual story about Wolfgang Schenke, a member of the Nazi Earhart espionage gang operating from Shanghai.

As ever, the greater the truth the greater the libel, and Wolfgang sued Walt. Wolfgang proceeded under some difficulties as he was in the Ward Road hoosegow for the very crime Walt was writing about. Justice must have prevailed as Walt was not even fined the usual one cent contemptuous damages and is now in New York propping up Newsweek.

Reporters, correspondents and editors could always expect the unexpected in China. It was the land where the temporary became the permanent and the permanent suddenly became the temporary. Unusual hazards were the order of the day, especially after Japan started her "Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere" (prosperity for Japan, that is) back about 1931. American and Chinese newsmen were singularly unenthusiastic about this Japanese program and said so loudly and often. Shanghai was right in the middle of Japanese-occupied China and we woke up one morning to find that Wang Ching-wei, Japan's puppet president, had ordered the arrest and expulsion of: Carroll Alcott, XMHA commentator; N.F. Allman, Editor, Shun Pao; Sanders Bates, Publisher, Ta Ying Pao; Randall Gould, Editor, Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury; Hal P. Mills, Editor, Wah Meh Pao; J.B. Powell, Editor, China Weekly Review; and C.V. Starr, Publisher, Shanghai Evening Post.

Wang had also ordered the arrest and punishment of 87 Chinese "traitors," including Sammy Chang, Randall Gould's colleague on the Post.

Wang, fortunately for us, had to go through the Shanghai Municipal Police to effect any such arrests and the latter gave him the old raspberry. Thereupon Wang and his Japanese bosses put all of us on a pet and priority assassination list. The SMPolice insisted that we go armed and sleep with our guns, get bullet-proof cars and assigned two body guards to each of us day and night.



Most of us balked at the bullet-proof cars and, dear reader, did you ever have two bodyguards at your heels day and night? Anyway, we "hot potatoes" with our private armies were the butts of much ribaldry from our friends.



Despite our impending doom we all kept up our criticism of the "Co-prosperity Sphere," ridiculed the expulsion-cum-assassination business and Wang, the puppet president. The six

Americans and the lone Britisher, Sanderson Bates, had a lot of luck, and all good, as we all survived. Not so Sammy Chang. He was cornered and shot to death along with several other Chinese colleagues. All of our plants or offices were, however, repeatedly bombed and shot up.

Pearl Harbor ended all this, but that is another story.

On April 25, 1949, Graham Jenkins of Reuters filed a long dispatch on the fall to the Reds of Kashing (75 miles southwest of Shanghai). Shanghai was already highly nervous and this dispatch gave it the real jitters. The two morning papers, the North China Daily News and the China Press, carried the dispatch in full. We carried it under the Reuters-Jenkins by-line and added only the headline: "KASHING CAPTURED BY RED TROOPS." Unfortunately, the dispatch anticipated the fall of Kashing by 36 hours but in the meantime, hell broke loose in Shanghai. During the morning the Shanghai Garrison military police picked up Jenkins and A.A. Vines, sub-editor of the North China Daily News, were holding them incommunicado, and were looking for me. I happened to be in the American Club library doing research and absorbing culture, by osmosis at least, as per custom. About 3:00 p.m. I wandered back to my office for a hot phone conversation with the Garrison Commander which went about as follows:

GC: You are under arrest and where have you been hiding?

Me: You are a cheerful fellow. I've been reading Confucius in the American Club. What am I arrested for?

GC: For that false article in the China Press. I have arrested Jenkins and Vines and you better report to my headquarters now.

Me: If you send a car I'll come, but I'll be damned if I walk over to any headquarters to be arrested.

GC: I am warning you to get over here quickly.

Me: My wife is using my car. It

won't be free 'til about 6:00 p.m. when I will call around.

GC: My MPs will walk you over when they catch you.

End of telephone conversation.

Colonel Nieh Jung, the GC, was really mad and my persiflage did not soothe him any. The British Consul was trying unsuccessfully to contact Vines and Jenkins. Rumors started that all three of us had been summarily shot even though I had not yet been arrested. I spent the next three hours in hiding at the Shanghai Club, this time to plan some psychological war on the good colonel. I called his superiors and all the prominent Chinese I could find, explained the situation to them and urged them to start calling him after 6:00 p.m. and warn him against any summary action. The situation was delicate and tricky but after talking it over with the American and British Consuls and friends I had come to the conclusion that he was pulling a Graustarkian act in any case.

Anyway, 6:00 p.m. rolled around and I rolled up to the Garrison headquarters but told my chauffeur that if I was not out by 9:00

p.m. for him to beat it to the American Consul and ask him to spring me. Some of my bravado began to fade, however as a platoon of MPs filed into the GC's office behind me. There was nothing to do now but talk myself, and possibly Vines and Jenkins, out of this one. They were somewhere in the building. Our violent conversation went about as follows:

GC: Do you admit publishing that false report about Kashing?

Me: We publish news, not false reports. That is a Reuters report. If Kashing has not fallen we will gladly publish a correction.

GC: I have orders to shoot Vines a Britisher; Jenkins an Australian; and you, an American.

Me: Sounds a little rough but I see you are international in viewpoint. May I see the order?

GC: What for?

Me: It will make a good scoop.

GC: My orders are to shoot the three of you early tomorrow, but you can't see the order. Do you want to call and tell your wife

Me: May I see and talk to Vines and Jenkins?

GC: No.

I picked up the telephone and called the China Press, instead of my wife, and told the night editor of our impending execution and for him to get a handful

of reporters over for a possible grisly scoop. Conversation continues.

GC: You tricked me and what do you mean by a scoop?

Me: It means the China Press will beat both the NCDN and Reuters on the execution of their own editors.

GC: I don't like your jokes.

Me: I don't like yours either. You are making a big joke out of yourself and your government, and while you may shoot us I guarantee that your execution will soon follow after this rash action.

In the meantime, my outside plan was working. Calls were coming in for the colonel to get off his high horse. He did not know that I speak Chinese and was picking up his end of these phone calls. The MPs began to relax and, though limp, I soon walked out. Vines and Jenkins were released the next day.

Lest anyone think that American newsmen were the whole foreign press show in China, some mention of our British cousins is in order. We may as well start with that delightful old "limey," H.G.W. Woodhead, C.B.E. and dean of Far East correspondents. He came out to China about the year one to the North China Daily News ("Old Lady of the Bund") at the princely salary of \$70.00 per month, to later become editor of the Peking and Tientsin Times, the thunderer of the North and terror of War Lords and other evil doers.

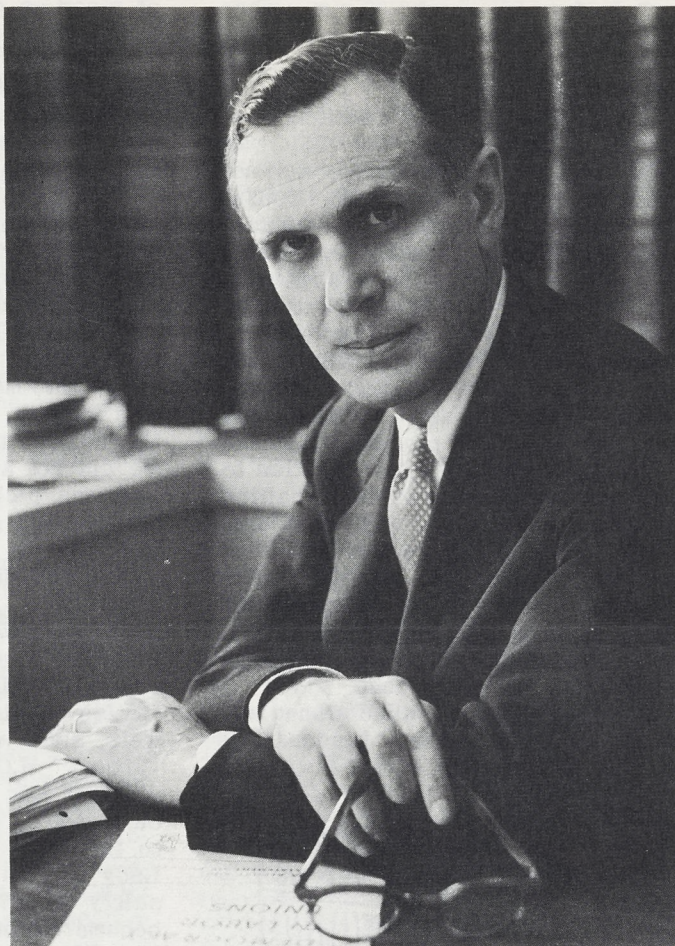
During one of the recurring wars in North China, George found Italian gun-runners selling arms to rival war lords despite an embargo. George thundered at this practice but the Italian authorities took no heed. He then ran a fake advertisement from Romulus and Remus which he romanized as Lo mi-su and Li Mu-su. The Chinese Press had never heard of Romulus or Remus but Messrs. Lo and Li created an uproar. The Italian authorities took the hint and stopped the racket.

George has been my favorite "limey" and quarreling companion for nearly half a century. He also had his troubles with other Americans such as Charles James Fox, editor of the North China Star, which included *George Sokolsky* on its staff. I helped to keep them all apart, sic them on if things got too quiet, and out of a Japanese jail. The latter were already on their expansion moves and George was heartily disliked by that newspaper abortion, the Manchurian Daily News, published in quaint English.

Its Japanese editor had equally quaint ideas about libel. He once reported that Mr. and Mrs. Woodhead were registered at the Tamato Hotel. When George protested that his wife was in Shanghai, the editor issued a correction:

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"Mr. Woodhead informations that woman not wife. Velly sorrowful and apologetical for Mr. Woodhead."

The Japanese did not overlook George come Pearl Harbor. He also is a relic of their brutal Bridge House in Shanghai.

Old-timers like George have interviewed all the presidents of China from Sun Yat-sen to Chiang Kai-shek.

See below for the birth and death of another British institution - the North China Daily News.

Shanghai and Hongkong were the crossroads of the world and there were all kinds of ambassadors to be seen. George Bernard Shaw, once on a cruise and after too many dull dinners and duller conversations in colonial Hongkong, gazed back at Victoria Island from the ship and muttered to a reporter: "The only electric lighted cemetery in the world." Somerset Maugham, on another cruise, described it as a "Quill pen town," since this was the writing equipment in government offices.

Post Communist Era

As the Reds approached Shanghai in May 1949, most of us realized that the 100 years of freedom of the press (for both foreign and Chinese) was coming to a speedy end. Twenty-five

years before, Borodin and comrades had set the pattern in Hankow. They had destroyed Bruno Shaw's Hankow Herald and wiped up the Hankow Bund with OPCer Bruno.

I had the sad duty of putting the China Press permanently to bed at 3:00 a.m., May 25, 1949 contemporaneously with the arrival of the Reds in Shanghai. My associates escaped to Taiwan or Hongkong. I was called in shortly by the Reds to explain why I had abruptly stopped publication and replied that I was allergic to bureaucratic editors and censors. I got out of Shanghai before they figured that out.

Randall Gould, with more obstinacy than luck, determined to carry on his Post. Sequel: the Reds took his paper: roughed up Randall and Dorothy, his wife, in short order.

The Red Military Control Commission soon got around to the news agencies, except Tass. On August 30, 1949, these agencies were summarily ordered to discontinue operations the next day. By this time the AP had one client (the gasping North China Daily News). The late Fred Hampson notified his former Shanghai clients:

"...we would like at this time to thank you for your support and to hope that sometime, some place, the AP will be able to serve you again."

Can't recall Walt Logan's UP swan song in Shanghai.

OPC MILESTONES

BORN: A daughter, Theresa Ann, to the Zygmunt Nagorskis, Jr., on Oct. 10.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Gerry McKnight (He's New York correspondent for the London Daily Sketch and Sunday Dispatch), a son, Mark Fraser, Oct. 11.

MARRIED: Margot Auerbacher to Minneapolis attorney and real estate man Harold Siegel, there, on Oct. 26. She will free-lance from Minneapolis for Fairchild Publications, among others.

George A. McDonald has moved from American Gas Ass. to Gartley & Assoc.

I had had dinner with Spencer Moosa, Jean Lyons and other correspondents in Peking just before the Reds took over there late in late 1948 and bet each of them a whiskey soda that they would be bounced when the Reds arrived. They were bounced speedily but my whiskey sodas are still due.

The North China Daily News (NCDN) or, familiarly, "The Old Lady of the Bund," boasted that it was the mouthpiece for the British Government. Its masthead bore the legend: "Impartial not neutral," whatever that means. Its competitors claimed it published history rather than news. Actually, it was a fine old newspaper (over 100 years old) and was the "Thunderer" or "Times" of China. Some Americans worked on it, including Rodney Gilbert and the late Cal Hirsch. The NCDN took dictation from no one until the Communist occupation of Shanghai. It tried valiantly to carry on under the Reds for nearly two years. It was, however, never a newspaper thereafter, and was frequently suspended and fined during this period. For the factual headline, "North Koreans Invade South Korea," it was suspended three days and the editor had to make a written and oral apology. He was also warned that he would go to jail if he ever committed another such offense. It is not surprising that the editor, R.T. Peyton Griffin, and the publisher, Harry Morris, died of heart-break. The paper went to bed for the last time on March 31, 1951 and its own obituary tells its story:

AVE ATQUE VALE!

It is in the nature of things that we have our exits and our entrances. Our own entrance dates from August 31, 1850....

In taking leave, - we wish to say to everyone: - Fare thee well! and, If forever, - Still, forever, - Fare thee well!

Space prevents recording the ups and downs of many other newsmen in China. Anyway, their stories are too true and strange to be believed and so "30."



FIRST FORUM PANELISTS MEET AT OPC OCT. 16

Curtis Reider

Hal Lehrman, Middle Eastern Affairs Analyst; Edmund Scott, CBS-TV; William Ryan, AP Foreign News Analyst; OPC President Wayne Richardson (who introduced speakers); George Fielding Eliot, Military Affairs Analyst; Thomas Hamilton, N. Y. Times U.N. correspondent; Derek Marks, London Daily Express U.N. correspondent; and David Shefrin, Chairman of the Special Events Committee, meet at the OPC last week before discussion of news coverage of the Suez Canal crisis.

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People and Places (Cont'd from page 2)

trated... Ben Gross, Radio-TV columnist for N.Y. News, lectured to American Women in Radio Oct. 22 on "Where Does TV Go From Here?"... Arthur Holzman, Ass't General Counsel of Air Force, back from Germany, France and England... Ed Hymoff and Bob Deindorfer crack January issue of See... Leonard S. Smith, former OPC Board member, Public Relations Committee chairman, and Memorial Committeeman, made the Club his headquarters during a visit to N.Y. He's now in Denver, Colo., as vice-president and general manager of Wm. Kostka & Assoc., Inc., public relations and advertising consultants... Ray Josephs busy writing about recent South American trip.

OPCers HONORED

Two OPCers were recently awarded Maria Moors Cabot prizes to journalists for advancement of Inter-American friendship.

They are Herbert L. Matthews, N.Y. Times, and Carl W. Ackeman, Dean Emeritus, Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University.

CUBANS JOURNALISTS DAY

El Dia del Periodista (Journalists' Day) was celebrated in New York Oct. 24 when approximately 30 Cuban Journalists met at the OPC.

Commemorated every year in Cuba on that day, Cuban journalists here met to recapitulate the work accomplished in New York by Cuban writers during the last 20 years.

OPC'er Takes Four Prizes

Helen Waterhouse, Akron, Ohio Beacon Journal reporter, took four major prizes in the annual Ohio Newspaper Women's Ass'n. news writing competition this week.

She received the awards primarily for stories written while visiting Russia. They were: first prize, triple entry (illustrating work in news, feature and series); first prize, feature story; honorable mention, interview story; and third prize, series.

DON'T FORGET....

Semi-annual meeting of OPC membership Oct. 31 at 8:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. (Note change in time.) Membership cards must be presented at the door.

LETTERS



Dear Editor:

...Let me add my congratulations to those of other members everywhere on the appearance of the expanded weekly Bulletin. It is a topnotch job and I am particularly pleased with the speed with which it reaches me here in Rio.

John M. Vebber

Counselor for Public Affairs
U.S. Embassy, Rio De Janeiro

Dear Editor:

For the new Bulletin better a belated bravo than a blank. As a Club member since 1947 and a foreign correspondent before that, it strikes me that publication of pieces such as Kruglak's can add corps to the esprit of newsmen and women overseas.

If they are to act in concert for more than violations of freedom of the press and the laying of laurel leaves -- not to belittle these - the Bulletin is building that base, bridge and springboard.

New York

O'Carroll Colvin

Dear Editor:

One comment on Professor Kruglak's observations about the staffs maintained abroad by American newspapers, news agencies and radio and television stations, which the Bulletin summarized in its Oct. 13 issue, is this:

By contrast my own newspaper, The Daily Telegraph of London, maintains five full-time correspondents in the U.S. (three in New York and two in Washington), and one in Ottawa. Four are British, one Australian, one Canadian. Two have been stationed in the U.S. for more than 20 years.

During a great part of this year's Presidential campaign we have had one staff member travelling with Mr. Eisenhower and another with Mr. Stevenson. We had two correspondents at each of the national nominating conventions, and we would have had three if the Suez Canal crisis had not made it seem more important to keep our chief Washington correspondent at his post.

Alex H. Faulkner

London Daily Telegraph, New York

TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer A. Wilfred May reported to the Board of Governors on Oct. 17 that September operations resulted in a loss of \$583.00 against an income of \$802.00 in August and income of \$590.00 in September 1955.

He explained that whereas expenses generally are being kept in check, the food cost ratio is considerably higher than in other city clubs, and that our food department is now entailing considerable loss.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS ASSOCIATE

HILLEL M. BLACK, New York Times, Sept. '52 to Dec. '53 (NY); Associated Press - Dec. '53 to Dec. '54 (Pittsburgh), Dec. '54 to Dec. '55 (Philadelphia), Dec. '55 to Oct. '56 (Newark); Presently with Parade Magazine. Proposed by *Michael G. Crissan*; seconded by *Donald Wayne*.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership of the following candidates:

ACTIVE

Wade L. Bingham, CBS-TV
Leon Crystal, Jewish Daily Forward
Milburn McCarty, Milburn McCarty Assoc.
Merle Miller, free-lance
Louis Richard Rukeyser, Stars & Stripes
Abelardo Valencia, Philippine News Service
Peter Weaver, McGraw Hill World News

ASSOCIATE

Richard A. Carroll, Fawcett Publications
Helen Firstbrook Hector, Reader's Dig.
Ronald Kirkbride, free-lance

Scheuer Honored

James H. Scheuer, a free-lance foreign correspondent among other pursuits, is one of three national winners of the first annual Walter White awards for achievement in field of inter-group relations and housing.

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No. 84 N.Y. P/R man, 28-40 conservative financial field or other skills, for P/R firm. \$6500-\$10,000.

No. 85 N.Y. Writer, 28-35, quarterly magazine to stockholders, large corp. \$8,000 start, benefits, future, some overseas and U.S. travel.

No. 86 N.Y. Aviation writer, 30's Speeches, promotion, brochures, etc. \$7,000 start.

No. 87 N.Y. Trainee, export or market research exp. for automotive export publication \$6-7,000 start, future.

FOREIGN

No. 88 Caribbean Correspondent for tourist press info. section. Head office dev. news, features, articles, handle top-level visiting writers. Travel writing exp. \$8,000 plus all working expenses, trips, long vacations.

OUT-OF-TOWN

No. 89 Denver. P/R man, good newsp., p/r bkgrd. \$8-10,000 plus.

No. 90 Middletown, N.Y. Reporter, small daily, double-in-brass, handle Speed-graphic or similar. \$110 per week to start.

No. 91 Bridgeport. Reporter, daily. Young. Guild rates.

Freelance, N.Y. Top speechwriter, 1-shot. Fee, open.

FOREIGN

The U.S. Information Agency is seeking candidates for overseas posts as public affairs, information and cultural, officers. Mature men with record of achievement in journalism and related fields are wanted; especially; professional experience overseas and proficiency in a foreign language desirable. Age 31-55. Salary range \$5,715 to \$8,270 (higher in exceptional cases), plus allowances. Candidates must be willing to serve anywhere in the world. Application forms can be obtained at the Club's Placement Office.

Applications for jobs accepted from OPC members only. If you are interested in permanent or freelance assignments, if you have a job opening to fill or know of one, please address or call the OPC Placement Committee, (Mrs.) Janice Robbins, Exec. Sec., Tues., Wed., or Thurs.

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